

REMARKS**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-38 and 40 are now pending and allowable.

II. CLAIM 1 – 4, 10, 12 – 15, 21, 23 – 26, 32, 34 – 38 AND 40 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER OKISHIMA (5,659,333) IN VIEW OF KURASHINA (6,297,836) AND FURTHER IN VIEW OF SEIDENSTICKER, JR. (5,920,327).

Claim 1, for example, recites an information display method comprising: displaying information in a predetermined display area and detecting a manipulation of changing a display block of the information displayed in the predetermined display area. Claim 1, further recites displaying the information by changing a display attribute of **a portion** of the displayed information including a portion newly displayed in accordance with the detection of the changing manipulation. Also recited for example, in claim 1, attributes include at least one of a display size of a plurality of elements structuring the information and a pitch between the plurality of elements structuring the information.

Okishima discloses a scrolling control wherein information displayed can be found with ease when scrolling is increased at high speed. However, Okishima does not disclose the method of the method of the present invention as recited for example, in claim 1, wherein; *the attribute includes a display size of a plurality of elements structuring the information, and/or a pitch between the plurality of elements structuring the information.* Further, Okishima does not disclose *changing a display attribute of a portion of the displayed information.* Instead Okishima merely discloses reducing the whole display screen to display all at once during a scrolling event (see Column 2, lines 35 – 63). The present invention allows *a portion of the displayed information* to be reduced, as recited for example, in claim 1.

The Examiner concedes Okishima does not explicitly disclose the display attribute includes a portion of the displayed information including a portion newly displayed. Therefore, the Examiner relies upon Kurashina to disclose a method of image display in which only a portion of the image is scrolled. (see page 3 of the Office Action).

However, Kurashina simply discloses, “a portion of the basic image data in a display range is converted to display image data to display the display image data.” (see abstract of Kurashina). However, Kurashina does not disclose *displaying the information by changing display attributes of a portion of the displayed information including a portion newly displayed in accordance with the detection of the changing manipulation, wherein the display attributes include at least one of a display size of a plurality of elements structuring the information, and a pitch between the plurality of elements structuring the information.*

Therefore, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of Kurashina into Okishima because even if they are combined, the combination of both does not teach or suggest all the features of the present invention, as recited, for example, in claim 1.

The Examiner further concedes Okishima and Kurashina does not explicitly disclose *providing at least one of a focus line and a focus column within the predetermined display area wherein the display attributes of the **plurality of elements structuring the information are not changed***, as recited, for example, in claim 1. (see pages 3 – 4 of the Office Action). Therefore, the Examiner relies upon Seidensticker, Jr. (Seidensticker) to disclose displaying “in the middle of the ‘fisheye’ geometric display ... area data ... in a one-to-one (1:1) resolution format.” (citing column 3, lines 26-29 of Seidensticker).

However, Seidensticker, also teaches, “a ‘fisheye’ display is characterized by region displayed at full resolution, adjoining other regions in which the resolution **diminishes at successively spaced pixels**.” (see column 3, lines 18-25 of Seidensticker). Seidensticker further discloses “the areas of the display device outside the normal display area 24 present data at successively reduced resolution, changing gradually from 1:1 to 2:1 (26), 3:1 (28) and 4:1 resolution 30. In the 2:1 resolution area, rows and columns are alternately displayed and skipped.” (see column 3, lines 32-40 and Figure 2 of Seidensticker).

The method taught by Seidensticker fails to teach displaying the information by changing display attributes of a portion of the displayed information including **a portion newly displayed in accordance with the detection of the changing manipulation**, wherein the display attributes include at least one of a display size of a plurality of elements structuring the information **and a pitch between the plurality of elements** structuring the information, as recited, for example, in claim 1. Furthermore, Seidensticker does not disclose providing at least one of a focus line and a focus column within the predetermined display area wherein the display attributes of the plurality of elements structuring the information **are not changed**, as recited, for example, in claim 1.

Therefore, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the teaching of Kurashina and Okishima with Seidensticker because even if they are combined, the combination of these references do not teach or suggest all the features of the present invention, as recited, for example, in claim 1.

Although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, for example, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding various differences of various other claims (*i.e.* claims 2– 4, 10, 12 – 15, 21, 23 – 26, 32, 34 – 38 and 40) over the cited reference.

In view of the claim amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

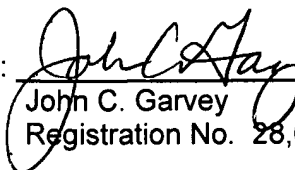
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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